



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): Jeffrey C. SHIERY et al.

For: BRAKE AND LIFT/LOWERING CONTROL FOR
A PATIENT SUPPORTING WHEELED CARRIAGE

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Rules 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98, enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 and the materials referenced thereon.

The materials referenced on Form PTO-1449 relate to a product that was in the marketplace more than a year before the filing date of this application. This product includes a reciprocable elongate rail member "AN" comparable to the rail member 38 in this application. The rail member "AN" is comparable to the "manually operable member and mount" set forth in Claims 1-5. This product does not include "a first linkage member" with the recited attributes or any obvious equivalent thereto.

Further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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